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**5.7 Unnecessary Commas**

MY SENTENCE: The main conflict in “Hills Like White Elephants” is whether or not Jig is going to have an operation, and the argument that ensues.

EXPLANATION: Do not use unnecessary commas. Use a comma only when a rule requires onw or when the meaning of a sentence would be unclear without one. I found my information in Holt Handbook on page 348.

* Only use a comma before a coordinating conjunction (and, but, for, near, or, or yet) when it joins independent clauses.

REVISED EXAMPLE: The main conflict in “Hills Like White Elephants” is whether or not Jig is going to have an **operation and the** argument that ensues.

ORIGINAL EXAMPLE: Johnny saw his mom and sister at the store.